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Person-to-Person

Mrs. Pasquelina Hernandez is reported to be on the mend after suffering a broken arm in an accident this summer caused by a frisky calf. Her arm is almost as good as ever, and her concerned family and friends are glad that the accident was not more serious. Her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hernandez from the Canal Zone in Panama, visited her just after it happened, although their trip had been planned earlier. Her other sons and daughters and grandchildren helped ease the convalescent period, by visiting her regularly also.

Mike O'Hara is recovering rapidly after an eye operation recently. He's busy with the new Fords as Beckett Ford of Boerne's Helotes area representative. Any who need to talk to him may call him at his home phone as he is at work as usual, we hear.

Recent Marshall graduate, Jan O'Hara, who plans to go on to college, is now an elementary education secretary at one Northside school and a teacher's aide at another school. She is also a talented artist and photographer.

The Silver Belles are still making their members happy with birthday luncheons and surprises as well as keeping up a busy social club schedule.

Everyone was pleased to hear that John T. Floore has been able to return home, following his recent hospitalization.

It's a year since Lee Harmon passed away and the Country and Western stars who appreciate his encouragement and musical ability have been paying tribute to his memory. Several C&W stars give him credit for their early careers, and almost every dance recently spotlights one of his favorite tunes.

Walter Moss who was severely burned in an explosion on the job on August 17 is making progress in recovering, his friends will be glad to know. He is still hospitalized at Baptist Memorial, where he is receiving constant attention to prevent any setbacks.

We are hearing good things about Nora Nelson's interesting lecture on wood blocking and printing

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Willie Nelson

Horse Show Set For Oct. 14 Here

A Horse Show sponsored by the Helotes Rough Riders Saddle Club and open to the public will be held, Sunday, October 14, beginning at 1 p.m., with the show grounds located across from Helotes Park Plaza on Bandera Highway, nine miles north of Loop 410 and Highway 16.

According to Mrs. Roberta Gauthier, show chairman, there will be 10 classes judged. These include three halter classes, a junior and senior Western Pleasure, a trail class, English Pleasure, reining, a barrel race

and pole bending.

Books open at noon, and the entry fee for participating is two dollars, Mrs. Dee Brookes, co-chairman, said. There will be a first place trophy and ribbons awarded by the judges.

Gate donation is fifty cents per person. There is nearby parking. There will also be concessions on the grounds.

The rain date is one week later, Sunday, October 21.

Those wishing additional information may call 695-8010 after 6 p.m.

BALERO BENEFIT TO OFFER BARBECUE

A Benefit—to include a Chicken Bar-B-Que and Bake Sale—is set for Saturday, October 13, in downtown Helotes to which all the community is invited. The proceeds will go to help Manuel Balero, Jr. and family who have undergone a series of misfortunes.

The event is sponsored by friends and relatives of Manuel and Shirley and their young son who have been hospitalized lately for injuries and illness, making it impossible for them to meet undue expenses. Members of the Balero family are from pioneer

stock and are some of the original known settlers of this community. They belong to a large clan which, aided by their friends, is backing the all-day affair. Some excellent chefs will be on duty for the event.

The Lions Club earlier donated \$200 to help the family in this crisis.

Serving begins at noon and a donation of \$1.50 is expected per person, according to a ticket chairman. The event will take place on Whetstone property used by civic groups.

Leon Valley Firemen Ask You To Carnival

Leon Valley residents are busy preparing for their second annual Firemen's Barbecue and Carnival, to be held Sunday, Oct. 21, at Raymond Russell Park.

It's a family affair to benefit the Leon Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Carnival planners have included "something for everyone" in the style of an old-fashioned community celebration.

Special guest will be TV-5 Weatherman Jud ("Hug Somebody") Ashmore, presiding over the carnival events as Honorary Fire Marshal for the day.

Leon Valley firemen will serve barbecue beef plates with all the trimmings from 1 to 3 p.m.

The carnival runs from 1 to 6 p.m. with plenty of action—or just relaxin'—for young and old alike.

New on the roster of carnival events will be "Mr. Pockets," the roving clown who lets children "pick" goodies from his huge pockets.

There will also be a real Country Store featuring breads, pastries, preserves and other yummys prepared in Leon Valley kitchens.

Still in the planning stage is a day-long competition for adults with a grand prize for the day's top winner.

Bingo games and door-prize drawings will continue through the afternoon, along with such popular carnival booths as the kids' fishing pond, wheel of fortune, cake sale, nickel roll and dunking pond.

The shiny, new Leon Valley firetruck will be on display at the park for inspection by visitors and aspiring young "firemen" from everywhere.

And for "spectator" types, the park boasts plenty of shady spots where you can set up a lawn chair or lounge on the grass for private ringside seat at the carnival. (Plenty of cool drinks, too.)

Barbecue chairman is Dr. Phil Francis, who urges everyone to pack up the family and head for Raymond Russell Park Oct. 21 for an old-fashioned, fun-filled afternoon.

Tickets, including dinner and carnival admission, are \$2 per person and are on sale now at the Leon Valley Fire Station. Tickets will also be sold at the gate.

Jack Nottingham Leaves Utilities

Mayor Sam Terry of Grey Forest announced September 26 that former Grey Forest Utilities Manager Jack Nottingham, on Friday, September 21, "severed his relations with the Gas Company." Nottingham had asked for a replacement.

Bob Grant joined the Utilities as manager several months ago, and was given a year's contract

recently. According to the announcement, "Jack agreed to stay on with the Gas Company for three months to help Bob get acquainted with the Work."

Mayor Terry said, "We are grateful to Jack Nottingham for his invaluable service to our City in helping get the Gas Company established, and serving as the Gas Manager."

United Way Has A Month To Go

The United Way campaign reached 37.4 per cent of its goal Sept. 28, with \$1,464,995 in pledges reported. "This increase of 11.5 per cent over that reported last week means that we are moving forward—but not fast enough,"

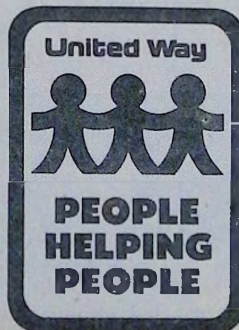
said John C. Holmgreen, campaign chairman. "The individual giver is all-important in this campaign."

With \$1,012,603 pledged, the campaign fund of the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County stood at 25.9 per cent of its goal, volunteer chairmen reported at the meeting, Sept. 21 at the Plaza Dinner Theatre.

John C. Holmgreen, campaign chairman, termed the report "an encouraging beginning to a task far from complete." Goal for the campaign closing Nov. 8 is \$3,914,667.

Tom Frost, Jr. was emcee at the dutch-treat luncheon meeting, attended by more than 230 volunteers.

Next campaign report meeting was at noon Friday, Oct. 5, at the Plaza Dinner Theatre.



Police Officers Offered Training

Photographic techniques in police work is subject of a course sponsored by the Police Training Academy of the Alamo Area

Council of Governments. The 40-hour course, conducted by the Law Enforcement Division of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 22-26 at the Alamo Heights Police Department, 6116 Broadway, San An-

tonio. The training project is funded through a grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Council. No fee will be charged for registration and materials.

Registration for the course should be completed through the

Alamo Area Council of Governments, 400 Three Americas Building, 118 Broadway, San Antonio by October 16. The course is open to all police officers in the AACOG Region.

A Basic Certification Course will be offered by the Police Training

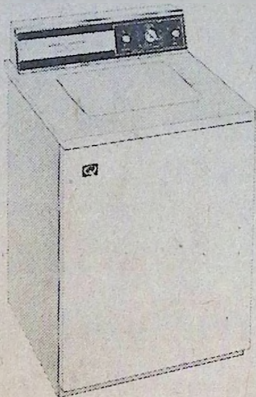
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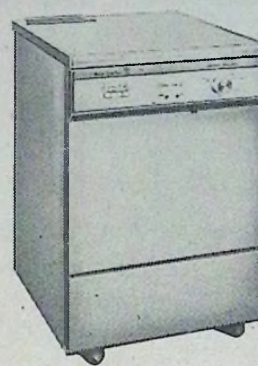
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Northside Independent School District Pupil Appraisal Center has new offices at 1827 Westedge, on the campus of Mary Hull Elementary School off Marbach Road.

The Center, includes offices of the Northside school psychologist, two educational diagnosticians, four associate school psychologists, four counselors and homebound teachers for regular students and early childhood homebound students.

"Concerned about your financial future?" is title of a three-part lecture program to be presented at the San Antonio Public Library, 203 South St. Mary's Street October 10, 17, and 24, in the auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.

The speaker, Mr. Gerald Cohn, University of Michigan graduate, is a representative licensed on all leading stock and commodity exchanges. He also writes a newspaper investments column.

The sessions will be informal, followed by a question-and-answer period, and are free.

Honors Go To UW

International honors have been accorded the 1973 campaign film of the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, according to John C. Holmgreen, campaign chairman.

"The Turning Point," starring Cliff Robertson, won the "Silver Phoenix Award" at the Atlanta International Film Festival. More than 2,000 entries from 38 countries were judged.

Groups wishing to book the film are encouraged to contact the UW at 227-0376.

Festival Assn. To Install

Installation of officers of the Helotes Spring Festival Association, Incorporated for 1973-74 will be held Wednesday, October 10, at the monthly meeting. The group will meet at the Confraternity Building of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Riggs Road at 7:30 p.m. All present and prospective members are invited to attend.

Willie Nelson To Play At Quota's Harvest Festival



The banner announcing the Quota Club's 24th Harvest Festival flies high over downtown Helotes!

Quota's Harvest Festival, an annual event, will have a new format this year. Popular Western and Country music star Willie Nelson, will be the feature attraction for this big event on Friday, October 19, at Floore Country Store. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Arthur Estrada is chairman of the food booth which will sell hot dogs and sausage during the evening. Popcorn will also be sold. Tickets will be available for a 30.6 Deer Rifle, first prize; a two-burner Coleman stove, second prize; and a double-mantle Coleman lantern, third prize, which will be awarded there.

At intermission, numerous door prizes will be given away, also. Miss Thelma Rambie, ticket

chairman, said tickets are being sold by members and will also be sold at the door.

Mrs. Francis Nipper, president, invites all Quota friends in the Helotes area to come join in the fun.

Staff Photo
The Quota Harvest Festival banner flies before Floore Country Store to remind everyone to be at the October gala.

Mrs. Alvin Popham is chairman of this year's project to raise funds chiefly for the Speech and Hearing Handicapped and to give aid to prospective LVN's as well as other community activities.

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If you qualify for these services, or know someone who does, call the San Antonio Public Library at 223-6851 to obtain a registration form.

The Sisters of Divine Providence had perfect weather for their open house last Sunday at the Generalate. Many residents of Helotes and Grey Forest enjoyed getting acquainted with the new Council and Team, and some turned out to be old friends. The Generalate, on Scenic Loop, is one of the showplaces of the community, recently enhanced by landscaping and other additions. For Mrs. E. E. Edwards it was a day of nostalgia for she and her late husband formerly owned it and lived there for many years.

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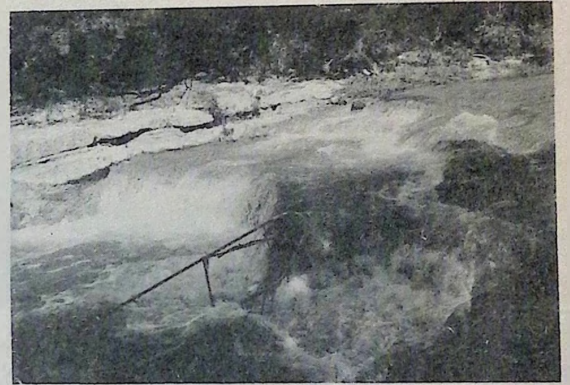


Here the Scenic Loop road Highway 16 becomes a dangerous ledge near



Rock shelters and caves give a good picture of the way things looked to the earliest residents.

Both—which abound in this area—were the favorite homes of the Indians and scouts. The first settlers here sometimes built brush shelters. Rock work of the most intricate type—including houses—existed before the French or Spanish arrived. But nothing beat a good rock shelter near clear water. Older residents still can remember when these were occupied more or less permanently. Even in 1970, the census takers reported finding a family of cave dwellers in Helotes.



The Creek develops falls and swimming pool with a tremendous rapids as it nears the Grey Forest road.

Medina Lake Full

Four non-Federal reservoirs held 100 per cent of their conservation storage capacity, according to the Texas Water Development Board, near the end of August. Of these, Lake Medina was full and Lakes Livingston, Houston, and Corpus Christi were full and spilling.

Apparent rainfall records during September may cause the record for last month to be similar to the one in August.

Also among those in the hospital in September was Lillian Hurlbut, who is improving.

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This is the drama plus singing and dancing of a recently-divorced actor and actress—played by Jane and Don Braswell—who are leads in a touring revival of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew."

The SALT production will be onstage at the San Pedro Playhouse at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 16, 17, 18, 19.

To give more theatregoers an opportunity to see it, a 2:30 p.m. matinee has also been scheduled on Sunday, October 14. For details and reservations, telephone the SALT box office, 735-6922, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. weekdays.

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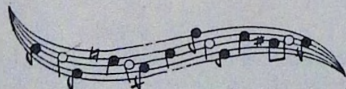
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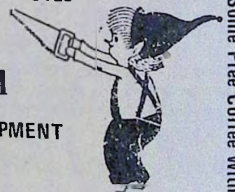
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Miss Cottrell Married



Mr. and Mrs. Royce C. Cottrell of Helotes announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Jimmy Don Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Coffman of Greenville, Texas, on Friday, October 5, in the Methodist Church in Greenville. The bride is a 1973 graduate of John Marshall High School

where she was a member of the Drill Team and Pep Squad. She received her early education in Helotes.

Her fiance finished high school in the 1973 class in Greenville, and plans to continue his education at East Texas State University in Commerce.

The bride was feted recently with a bridal shower given by Misses Susan Kneupper and Elaine Sussman in the University Hills home of Miss Kneupper. She was also honored on several other occasions.

Many of her friends from Helotes planned to attend the wedding and reception in Greenville.

Faculty To Attend Oct. InSTITUTE

Fifty Northside Independent School District elementary school principals and teachers were given Trustee approval recently to spend a week in Instructional Development Institute beginning Oct. 15.

IDI, a systems approach to curriculum problem-solving, is offered through Region 20 Education Service Center.

Women's Club To Meet Oct. 16

The Helotes Women's Club will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 16, at the Helotes Hills Presbyterian Church with Mrs. Sam Terry as hostess. Mrs. W. G. Wineinger, an expert on horticulture, has been asked to present a program. Miss Marie Parrigin will be co-hostess for the occasion.

At the first meeting of the season last month, held in the home of Mrs. Josephine Wallace, vice president, a scrapbook kept by the Club was displayed. This is

the civic and social club for women in Helotes with one of the longest continuous records. It was founded a quarter of a century ago with the late Mrs. Mabel Chaney as founder. Several charter members are still active.

Members are asked to bring friends who might be interested in joining the organization. The church where the meeting will be held is located on the Bandera Highway between the Helotes Park Plaza and downtown Helotes.

Texas' First Lady

Texas' First Lady, Mrs. Dolph Briscoe, has accepted an invitation to serve as the honorary chairman of San Antonio's 15th annual Zonta Antique Show and Sale, being held in San Antonio's Villita Assembly Hall, Oct. 4-7.

As her contribution to the show, Mrs. Briscoe is loaning the San Antonio Zonta Club the family Christmas stockings she designed and executed in needlepoint. These will be exhibited throughout the three-day show, which runs from noon to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

The show caught Mrs. Briscoe's attention not only because she is an avid antique collector and a needlepoint enthusiast, but also because the proceeds are used for eye, asthma and emphysema rehabilitation and community cultural projects.

At the Zonta show, nearly 100 exhibitors from nine states and 20 Texas cities will show wares on two floors of the air conditioned hall. The selection ranges from old pieces of museum quality priced at several hundred dollars to nostalgic memorabilia priced at less than a dollar.

Mrs. William J. Michnar is general chairman of the show, and Mrs. Leon D. Glascock is president of the Zonta Club of San Antonio. Admission at the door is a dollar.

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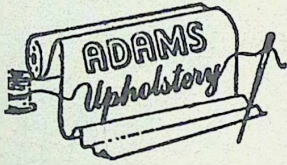
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A new branch office of the Government Employees Credit Union of San Antonio was opened Monday, October 1, on the lower level of the new Audie L. Murphy Veterans Administration Memorial Hospital. The new facility became the sixth GECU office, and continues the policy of GECU officers of taking full credit union services to the members. The new VA branch office of GECU, situated in Room BB15 of the basement of the new 760 bed hospital, is open for services from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, excluding national holidays.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, opening the new office, was held to officially inaugurate the new financial service center at the VA Hospital. Participating in the opening program were Walter Byrd, director, and Jose R. Coronado, assistant director of the hospital, and Charles Panzer, chairman of the Board of Directors of GECU, and Jim R. Williams, president, of the Government Employees Credit Union.

Cookies, coffee, and candy are being served persons frequenting the new VA hospital branch office through Friday, October 12.

**Pearl To Sponsor
Spurs**

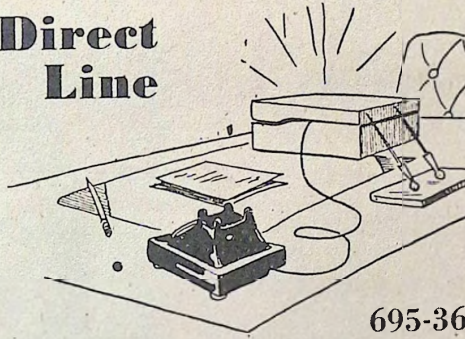
Directors of the San Antonio Spurs and Pearl Brewing Company have made a joint announcement naming Pearl the major sponsor of the new San Antonio ABA franchise.

Spur President B. J. "Red" McCombs and Lee Birdsong, President of Pearl, told newsmen of the arrangement at a press conference held in Pearl's Jersey Lilly recently.

The conference was attended by San Antonio Mayor Becker and several other city and county officials.

Regular season play starts October 10 through March 27. Home games will be played in San Antonio Hemisfair Arena.

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"I'd like to know how to figure my Medicare benefits. I tried to explain it to my daughter-in-law, and she couldn't understand about Part A and Part B.

Mrs. J. A. B.

"Based on recent telephone calls and visits to the office, we have found that there is a lot of confusion about the deductibles under the two parts of Medicare," Gilbert G. Gonzalez, social security District Manager said. "The two parts of Medicare are entirely separate. It is almost like having two separate insurance policies. Each part has a deductible which must be met before benefits from that part may be made.

"Under Part A, the hospital insurance portion of Medicare, there is a deductible of \$72 for each benefit period. A person may have more than one benefit period during a calendar year," Gonzalez added, "which means he may be required to pay the \$72 deductible more than once during the year. A new benefit period usually begins when more than sixty days expire between stays in a hospital.

"Under Part B, the medical insurance portion of Medicare, there is now a deductible of \$60 for each calendar year. Therefore, as soon as a Medicare beneficiary's medical expenses go over \$60 for a calendar year this part of Medicare will pay 80 per cent of the allowed charges for doctors' and other covered services for the remainder of the year. Any part of this deductible that is met in the last three months of a year may be carried forward to the next year," Gonzalez concluded.

We would like to know how to locate places mentioned in Texas history. Of course, we know about the missions, but we would like to film settings of other big events. Yes, we intend to do some writing, and would like to see the places ourselves while my husband is stationed here.

Mrs. G. W. W.

The Texas Tourist Bureau, located in Austin, can help you. Then be sure to stop and read the tourist markers located throughout the State along many highways. The brief history is recorded in legible type, and you can read about the event further in many local libraries or State collections. Good Luck.

Shown here is one of two types of historical markers most common throughout this area.

The other is usually a large stone—granite type marker. They were erected after much research for the Centennial Celebration in 1936.



Electric Co. Opens Here

Floyd Brown, owner of Brown Electric Co., who holds a journeyman's license, opened his shop here in July after having worked for a San Antonio firm for four years. The shop is located across from Helotes Park Plaza, but Brown can often be located en route to a job on his well-equipped truck which is a shop-on-wheels, or by telephone.

Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, both well-known in this area. He is a graduate of Bandera High School, and attended San Antonio College before serving in the Army for three years.

He and his wife, Pat, and their little daughter, Jenny, are active in the community, also.

On behalf of the local business community, we welcome the new

Among those recently hospitalized are Wayne Wilson. We wish him a rapid recovery.

company—Brown Electric Co.—and appreciate having a local electrician on duty, especially in emergencies, around the clock.

**Mr. Naegelin
Passes At 79**

Frank Naegelin, of Route 17 here, died Monday, October 1, in a San Antonio hospital at the age of 79. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, where rosary was said for him on Tuesday evening.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Naegelin. He also leaves the following daughters: Mrs. Erwin (Ruby) Kneupper, Mrs. Dexler (Mildred) Babcock, Jr., and Mrs. Charles (Dorothy) Reed. In addition, he is survived by 12 grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Virginia Burrisk, and a brother, Adolph Naegelin.

Funeral mass was at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Wednesday, October 3, with interment in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Helotes.

Sympathy is extended to his family.

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Parents are invited to an Open House to be held at Locke Hill Elementary on Thursday, October 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m., to meet the new principal, Neal Howell. Before coming to Locke Hill, Principal Howell was a sixth-grade teacher at Helotes Elementary for five years.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria.

Parents may also visit the class rooms and get acquainted with this year's teachers, according to Mrs. Elaine Breland, publicity chairman.

Harpist To Play At Trinity University

Harpichordist Anthony Newman, making his San Antonio debut, will perform at Trinity University in the Laurie Auditorium October 17.

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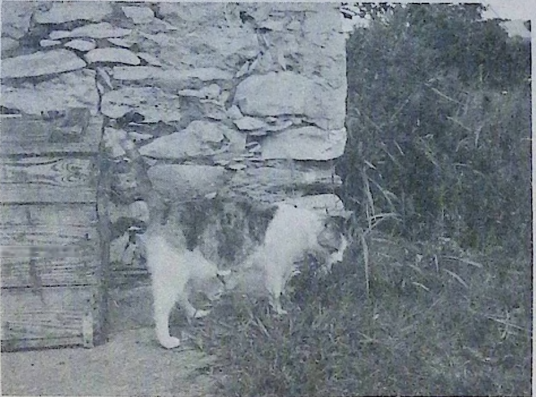
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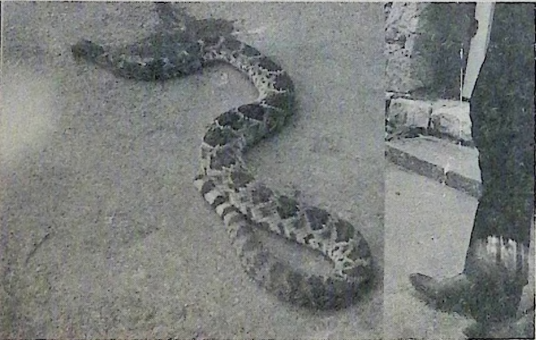
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Sometimes a lazy cat lounging on the door-step seems hardly worth his keep. Here Calico basks in the sun as a weed tickles his nose.



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Daylight Break-In Reported In Area

A daylight break-in of a local residence was recently reported to sheriff's investigators, and a description of the suspected vehicle used was provided by persons who noted it during the absence of any residents. The event took place on a Thursday about 2 p.m., and the owner reported theft of guns, men's clothing, and jewelry.

Art Guild To Show At Wonderland

The Helotes Art Guild, which will hold a monthly outdoor art show Sunday, October 7, at the Gallery, will also hold an annual show at Wonderland beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, October 8, and closing the following Saturday, October 13, at 5 p.m. This is one of the bigger shows and more than 140 artists are eligible to enter their works. All are dues-paying members of the local Guild.

The public is invited to view the pictures which will be at the Mall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the show.

Adolph Lee continues to gain strength after an extended period of illness, and his friends wish him the best.

Goblins and witches come to San Pedro Library at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 17, for the Pre-School Story Time. San Pedro Library is in San Pedro Park across from San Antonio College.

Webelos Scouts To Form Troop

A troop of Webelos Scouts—open to ten and 11 year-old boys—is being formed here and will meet every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Helotes Volunteer Fire Station. Scoutmasters will be Ray Garrison and Dee McKay. Those wanting more information about registering their boys may call, 695-3133.

San Pedro Story Times

For the Saturday, October 6, at 2 p.m. School Age Story Time at San

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